

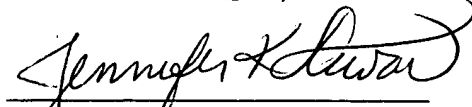
Chambert, and Farwell (US5184347). Lastly, the Examiner rejects claim 116 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in view of the combination of Gilhousen, Chambert, and Hietala (US5150075). However, under §103(c) Chambert is not available as a reference for a §103 rejection. Chambert was filed in the USPTO on 23 May 1994, and issued on 12 March 1996, while the present application was filed in the USPTO on 2 February 1995. As such, based solely on the dates, Chambert represents a potential §102(e) reference. When the present application was filed with the USPTO, Chambert and the present application were both assigned to Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson. As such, under §103(c), Chambert does not qualify as prior art for a §103 rejection. For at least this reason, the §103 rejections cited against claims 102, 109 – 111, 115 – 117, and 122 – 124 must be withdrawn.

Because Chambert has been disqualified as prior art for a §103 rejection, the obviousness rejections cited against the pending claims are rendered moot. As a result, rejected claims 102 and 109 – 111, 115 – 117, and 122 – 125 and objected to claims 112 – 114, 118 – 121, and 125 are patentably distinct from the cited art. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 102 and 109 - 125.

Should any issues remain, Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned so that any such issues may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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